

FLORIDA: Honey production in 2000 was 24,360,000 pounds, up five percent from 1999. Florida ranked fourth in production behind California, North Dakota and South Dakota. There were 232,000 colonies in Florida in 2000 with an average honey yield of 105 pounds per colony, three pounds per colony more than in 1999.

Producers received an average of 54 cents per pound for the honey, up one cent per pound from the previous year. The value of Florida honey production in 2000 was \$13.2 million, up from the 1999 value of \$12.3 million.

FLORIDA: Number of Colonies, Honey Production, Value, and Stocks, 1991-2000						
Year	Colonies of bees ^{1/}	Honey				
		Yield per colony	Produc-tion	Price per pound	Value	Stocks Dec 15 ^{2/}
	1,000 colonies	Pounds	1,000 pounds	Cents	1,000 dollars	1,000 pounds
1991	225	83	18,675	53	9,898	1,307
1992	220	104	22,880	53	12,126	2,517
1993	200	113	22,600	50	11,300	2,712
1994	230	84	19,320	47	9,080	2,898
1995	230	86	19,780	64	12,659	1,780
1996	240	105	25,200	86	21,672	2,268
1997	240	67	16,080	73	11,738	2,734
1998	230	98	22,540	64	14,426	4,508
1999	228	102	23,256	53	12,326	4,186
2000	232	105	24,360	54	13,154	2,923

^{1/} Operations with 5 or more colonies. ^{2/} Stocks in producers' hands.

UNITED STATES: Honey production in 2000 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 221 million pounds, up 8 percent from 1999. There were 2.63 million colonies producing honey in 2000, down two percent from 1999. Yield per colony averaged 83.9 pounds, up 7.5 pounds from the 76.4 pounds in 1999. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State so yields per colony may be understated. Colonies were not counted if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 86.2 million pounds on December 15, 2000, up nine percent from a year earlier.

Prices for the 2000 crop averaged a 59.4 cents per pound, down one percent from 60.1 cents in 1999. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and co-ops. At the State level, prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, co-op and private channels. At the U.S. level, prices for each color are derived by weighting quantities sold for each marketing channel. Co-op and private prices were lower for all color classes except 'Other Honey' in 2000.

UNITED STATES: Number of Colonies, Honey Production, Value and Stocks, 1991-2000						
Year	Colonies of bees ^{1/}	Honey				
		Yield per colony	Produc-tion	Price per pound ^{2/}	Value	Stocks Dec 15 ^{3/}
	1,000 colonies	Pounds	1,000 pounds	Cents	1,000 dollars	1,000 pounds
1991	3,181	68.9	219,171	55.6	121,859	36,231
1992	3,030	72.8	220,584	55.0	121,321	38,933
1993	2,875	80.2	230,575	53.9	124,280	49,046
1994	2,783	78.4	218,187	52.8	115,203	59,877
1995	2,655	79.5	211,073	68.5	144,585	42,313
1996	2,581	77.3	199,511	88.8	177,166	47,206
1997	2,631	74.7	196,536	75.2	147,795	70,696
1998	2,633	83.7	220,316	65.5	147,254	80,808
1999 ^{4/}	2,688	76.4	205,250	60.1	126,075	79,375
2000 ^{5/}	2,634	83.9	221,005	59.4	132,205	86,158

^{1/} Operations with 5 or more colonies. ^{2/} Weighted by reported sales. ^{3/} Stocks in producers' hands. ^{4/} Revised. ^{5/} Preliminary.

UNITED STATES: Honey Prices by Color Class and Buyer, 1999 and 2000						
Color class	Co-op and Private		Retail		All	
	1999 ^{1/}	2000	1999 ^{1/}	2000	1999 ^{1/}	2000
	Cents per pound					
Water white, extra white, and white	60.1	56.2	123.4	119.4	60.9	58.4
Extra light amber	55.1	54.0	124.5	122.7	59.8	59.3
Light amber, amber, and dark amber	51.2	49.8	129.1	137.6	59.0	58.9
All other honey, area specialties	61.7	63.7	150.3	195.3	73.7	92.4
All honey	56.4	54.5	126.6	132.8	60.1	59.4

^{1/} Includes honey produced in 1999 that was sold in 2000.

HONEY: Number of Colonies, Production, Stocks, and Value, 1999-2000 ^{1/}												
State	Number of colonies		Yield per colony		Production		Stocks Dec 15 ^{2/}		Average price per pound		Value of production	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	1,000 colonies		Pounds		1,000 pounds		Cents		1,000 dollars			
Alabama	17	16	68	78	1,156	1,248	185	187	56	59	647	736
Arizona	52	40	62	59	3,224	2,360	1,548	1,322	62	73	1,999	1,723
Arkansas	52	55	89	93	4,628	5,115	2,592	3,529	53	57	2,453	2,916
California	505	440	60	70	30,300	30,800	10,302	11,396	55	58	16,665	17,864
Colorado	27	29	76	60	2,052	1,740	1,436	957	68	62	1,395	1,079
Florida	228	232	102	105	23,256	24,360	4,186	2,923	53	54	12,326	13,154
Georgia	65	55	51	57	3,315	3,135	497	376	64	63	2,122	1,975
Hawaii	8	7	80	112	640	784	32	125	80	81	512	635
Idaho	120	100	48	47	5,760	4,700	3,110	2,679	59	52	3,398	2,444
Illinois	9	8	66	61	594	488	327	146	115	117	683	571
Indiana	10	8	81	65	810	520	437	286	90	103	729	536
Iowa	40	30	65	67	2,600	2,010	2,028	1,206	65	67	1,690	1,347
Kansas	13	15	67	68	871	1,020	854	520	111	91	967	928
Kentucky	3	3	50	48	150	144	12	40	124	135	186	194
Louisiana	48	43	114	94	5,472	4,042	821	1,334	49	52	2,681	2,102
Maine	14	11	22	21	308	231	89	143	83	75	256	173
Maryland	6	6	46	46	276	276	50	52	164	114	453	315
Michigan	73	72	85	75	6,205	5,400	3,475	2,970	66	60	4,095	3,240
Minnesota	145	150	82	90	11,890	13,500	3,210	3,105	61	57	7,253	7,695
Mississippi	18	17	73	72	1,314	1,224	591	649	54	69	710	845
Missouri	24	23	65	75	1,560	1,725	437	362	68	60	1,061	1,035
Montana	122	148	70	86	8,540	12,728	2,135	5,982	60	59	5,124	7,510
Nebraska	58	50	77	87	4,466	4,350	1,965	2,610	61	59	2,724	2,567
Nevada	9	10	45	35	405	350	271	95	154	145	624	508
New Jersey	10	11	44	35	440	385	154	200	57	61	251	235
New Mexico	15	15	52	64	780	960	476	739	77	72	601	691
New York	69	58	70	80	4,830	4,640	2,077	2,274	66	55	3,188	2,552
North Carolina	9	11	46	49	414	539	104	243	162	143	671	771
North Dakota	255	290	105	115	26,775	33,350	8,836	13,340	59	56	15,797	18,676
Ohio	20	18	74	65	1,480	1,170	784	585	72	79	1,066	924
Oklahoma	6	7	45	35	270	245	49	64	134	126	362	309
Oregon	45	48	57	51	2,565	2,448	2,026	1,665	80	66	2,052	1,616
Pennsylvania	25	22	60	45	1,500	990	705	554	76	76	1,140	752
South Dakota	224	235	104	121	23,296	28,435	13,046	12,796	60	57	13,978	16,208
Tennessee	8	9	51	61	408	549	106	104	130	143	530	785
Texas	108	105	81	79	8,748	8,295	2,799	2,986	64	57	5,599	4,728
Utah	26	24	45	41	1,170	984	433	462	68	60	796	590
Vermont	6	7	66	59	396	413	222	211	63	68	249	281
Virginia	7	7	35	42	245	294	86	103	117	150	287	441
Washington	52	52	50	54	2,600	2,808	1,170	1,151	60	58	1,560	1,629
West Virginia	6	7	39	54	234	378	152	234	109	122	255	461
Wisconsin	80	84	75	90	6,000	7,560	4,560	4,385	68	68	4,080	5,141
Wyoming	37	39	72	93	2,664	3,627	746	798	61	59	1,625	2,140
Other States ^{3/}	14	17	46	40	643	685	254	270	192	173	1,235	1,183
United States ^{4/}	2,688	2,634	76.4	83.9	205,250	221,005	79,375	86,158	60.1	59.4	126,075	132,205

^{1/} 1999 data revised. ^{2/} Does not include stocks under loan. ^{3/} CT, DE, MA, NH, RI , and SC not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. ^{4/} U.S. price weighted by survey expanded sales.